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Note verbale dated 5 February 1992 from the Permanent Mission of Panama to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Panama to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, in its capacity as Chairman of the Latin American and Caribbean Group for the month of February, has the honour to enclose and bring to his attention the Statement by the Group adopted yesterday on the subject of the events in Venezuela (see annex).

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Panama would be grateful if the Secretary-General of the United Nations would have the text of this note and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, under the item entitled "Human rights questions", and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Statement by the Latin American and Caribbean Group in the United Nations, adopted in New York on 4 February 1992

1. With reference to the attempted coup d'état which took place in Venezuela today, the Latin American and Caribbean Group in the United Nations expresses its strong condemnation of those who have sought to impair the political stability and reverse the democratic strengthening and progress of our continent.

2. It is all the more deplorable that the attempted military coup in Venezuela, apart from having sought to undermine the democratic institutions of that fraternal republic, should have been directed against the physical integrity of one of the most respected leaders in the region and should have led to the regrettable loss of many lives.

3. With regard to these events, we are convinced that the isolated actions of groups which are unaware of the force of history can serve only to strengthen us in our adherence to and defence of democratic values.

4. We are convinced that the Venezuelan people, headed by its President Carlos Andrés Pérez, will rise fully to this challenge and can rely in doing so on the fullest support of all Latin American and Caribbean peoples.

5. The Latin American and Caribbean Group expresses its resolute support for and solidarity with the people and Government of Venezuela.